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## RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd September 1973:—

### Bill No. XXIX of 1973

*A Bill further to amend the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 1973.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

53 of 1961.

2. In section 1 of the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub-section (3), for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

Amendment of section 1.

“(a) in relation to mines and to any other establishment wherein persons are employed for the exhibition of equestrian, acrobatic and other performances, by the Central Government; and”.

3. In section 2 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words “including any such establishment belonging to Government:”, the words “including any such establishment belonging to Government and to every establishment wherein persons are employed for the exhibition of equestrian, acrobatic and other performances:” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 2.

Amend-  
ment of  
section 3.

4. In section 3 of the principal Act—

(i) in clause (a), after the words “being a mine,”, the words “or an establishment wherein persons are employed for the exhibition of equestrian, acrobatic and other performances,” shall be inserted;

(ii) for clause (e), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

‘(e) “establishment” means—

(i) a factory;.

(ii) a mine;

(iii) a plantation;

(iv) an establishment wherein persons are employed for the exhibition of equestrian, acrobatic and other performances; or

(v) an establishment to which the provisions of this Act have been declared under sub-section (1) of section 2 to be applicable;’.

Amend-  
ment of  
section  
28.

5. In section 28 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), for the words “or in two successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following,”, the words “or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid,” shall be substituted.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

A number of women are employed in the circus industry but a survey has revealed that maternity benefit is not being provided to these women workers. It is, therefore, proposed to apply the provisions of the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, to establishments in the circus industry. Since the circus companies move from place to place, it is considered that for the effective enforcement of the Act in relation to establishments in the circus industry, the appropriate Government should be the Central Government instead of the State Government.

2. The Bill seeks to amend the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, for the aforesaid purposes and to make certain other consequential amendments in the Act.

K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY.

NEW DELHI;

*The 28th August, 1973.*

## FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to amend section 2 of the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 with a view to applying the provisions thereof to establishments wherein persons are employed for the exhibition of equestrian, acrobatic and other performances. Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to amend clause (a) of section 3 of the Act with a view to providing that the appropriate Government for the enforcement of the Act in relation to such establishments shall be the Central Government.

2. It is proposed to entrust the enforcement of the provisions of the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 in relation to these establishments to the Central Industrial Relations Machinery under the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central). The following additional staff will be required for this purpose in the Organisation of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central):—

S. No.	Designation of post	No. of post.	Scale of pay
1.	Labour Enforcement Officer	1	Rs. 350—25—575
2.	Lower Division Clerk	1	Rs. 110—180

The total recurring expenditure on the above-mentioned staff will amount to Rs. 14,800 per year. In addition, non-recurring expenditure to the extent of Rs. 2000 may be incurred on the purchase of furniture, typewriter, etc.

B. N. BANERJEE,  
*Secretary.*